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In re Patent Application of:

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Examiner: M. Bahar

For: PRESERVATION OF BODILY PROTEIN**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated August 7, 2003 (Paper No. 18), please reconsider the above-identified U.S. patent application in the light of the following remarks.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

If checked, Small Entity status is claimed

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